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PARIS - MONDAY MAY 4
LEADS: JOHN PAUL II'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY; OPENING OF

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NAZY CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE'S** TRIAL IN LYON; DEATH OF FRENCH SINGER DALIDA IN PARIS

(A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. REAGAN-NAKASONE MEETINGS
2. KOHL-CHIRAC MEETING
3. IRANGATE

(B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:

1. REAGAN-NAKASONE MEETINGS GET SIGNIFICANT INSIDE-PAGE AND PHOTO COVERAGE. REPORTS UNDERLINE "WEAK" POSITION OF TWO LEADERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND "OMNIPRESENCE" OF U.S. CONGRESS IN TALKS. HEADLINES SUGGEST MEETINGS PRODUCED NO SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS BUT REPORTS QUOTE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S REMARKS THAT TARIFFS WILL BE LIFTED "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."
2. CHIRAC-KOHL MEETING IN STRASBOURG YESTERDAY BEFORE CHIRAC'S VISIT TO MOSCOW ON MAY 15 GETS EDITORIAL COVERAGE ON TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS AND FRONT-PAGE ATTENTION IN MAIN DAILIES. REPORTS SPECULATE ON DATE WHEN EUROPE WILL DECIDE TO GIVE JOINT ANSWER TO GORBACHEV'S PROPOSALS. REPORTS ALSO QUOTE CHIRAC'S REMARKS AFTER MEETING THAT EUROPE MUST NOT HURRY TO ANSWER PROPOSALS.
3. REPORTS IN QUOTIDIEN AND LIBERATION SAY NEW REVELATIONS ARE EXPECTED AND THAT MEDIATIC PAUSE ON IRANGATE DID NOT LAST LONG.

(C) HEADLINES:

1. REAGAN-NAKASONE:
"COMMON LANGUAGE ON DOLLAR" (LA TRIBUNE)
"NAKASONE-REAGAN: REGULAR SUMMITS" (FIGARO)
"UNCLEAR RESULTS FOR TWO WEAKENED LEADERS" (LES ECHOS)
"STILL NO TRADE TRUCE" (QUOTIDIEN)
"NAKASONE YIELDS EVERYTHING TO REAGAN" (HUMANITE)
"NAKASONE LOST FIRST ROUND" (LIBERATION)
2. CHIRAC-KOHL:
"CHIRAC, KOHL TRY TO FIND COMMON POSITION" (FRANCE-SOIR) (QUOTIDIEN)
"TOWARD CHIRAC-KOHL ACCORD ON DISARMAMENT" (FIGARO)
"CHIRAC: NO HURRIED ANSWER" (LE MATIN)
3. IRANGATE:
"REAGAN AGAIN IN HOT SEAT" (QUOTIDIEN)
"IRANGATE: SECOND ROUND" (LIBERATION)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. REAGAN-NAKASONE:
FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE FRONT-PAGE REPORT: "DESPITE THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 PARIS 22217

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CONCILIATORY LANGUAGE, THE MEETING DID NOT END WITH THE EXPECTED POSITIVE RESULTS, I.E. FAILED TO CALM DOWN TRADE TENSION ON EITHER SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC....AS A GOOD BYE PRESENT, PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID THAT THE NEW TARIFFS WILL BE LIFTED 'AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.'...ACCORDING TO U.S. WEEKLY FORTUNE, A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE DOLLAR WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE. BECAUSE OF THEIR FRAGILE POSITIONS AT HOME, THE TWO LEADERS COULD BE UNABLE TO CONVINCE THEIR RESPECTIVE MARKETS."

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO: "JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT ENDED WITH A NEGATIVE BALANCE SHEET BUT BOTH COUNTRIES SAY THEY FAVOR MORE FREQUENT CONTACTS....BOTH SIDES INDICATED 'PROGRESS' IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE TRADE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID THE TARIFFS WILL BE LIFTED 'AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.' BUT NO DATE WAS SET AND NO ONE CAN SAY IF IT WILL BE BEFORE THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN VENICE....WITH HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, NAKASONE TRIED TO RESTORE HIS IMAGE AND TO HEAL WOUNDS....HE ALSO TRIED TO 'CHARM THE ANTI-PROTECTIONIST LOBBY IN CONGRESS."

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS ON PAGE 4 BY REPORTER XAVIER GAUTIER: "BEYOND USUAL DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES, THE VISIT DID NOT PRODUCE ANY REAL CHANGE....IT TOOK PLACE UNDER THE OMINIPRESENT SHADOW OF THE HOUSE WHICH VOTED A PROTECTIONIST LAW LAST THURSDAY."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 7: "PRESIDENT REAGAN AND JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE ENDED THEIR MEETING WITHOUT SOLVING THE THORNY PROBLEM OF THEIR TRADE RELATIONS. THE TARIFFS DECIDED BY THE U.S. WILL NOT BE LIFTED. IN A VERY BRIEF DECLARATION, REAGAN MERELY INDICATED THAT WASHINGTON WILL 'STUDY AGAIN' THE DOSSIER. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE SANCTIONS CAN BE LIFTED 'AS SOON AS POSSIBLE'."

COMMUNIST HUMANITE ON PAGE 3: "NAKASONE'S VISIT ENDED WITH NICE PROMISES AND A FEW CONCRETE RESULTS. BUT, THANKS TO THE CONCESSIONS MADE ON BOTH SIDES, THE SO MUCH ANNOUNCED TRADE 'WAR' DID NOT TAKE PLACE....TO ANSWER U.S. DEMANDS, THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER PROMISED VARIOUS MEASURES TO 'STIMULATE JAPANESE DOMESTIC ECONOMY' IN REALITY, WASHINGTON IS ENCOURAGING THE DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR AND THE INCREASE OF THE YEN TO BE ABLE TO PENETRATE THE JAPANESE MARKET AND TO MAKE IT AN EXTENSION OF THE U.S. MARKET ON THE FINANCIAL, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICES LEVELS....AN ACCORD ON JAPAN PARTICIPATION TO 'STAR WARS,' IS CLOSE. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE PRESS, YASU WILL MAKE ANOTHER PRESENT TO HIS FRIEND RON. HE IS ABOUT TO DECIDE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW GENERATION OF COMBAT JETS FOR JAPANESE AVIATION."

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION ON PAGE 8 BY REPORTER FRANCOIS FERON: "JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER PAID FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE VISIT. TRADE SANCTIONS WILL NOT BE LIFTED AND THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ADOPTED A ULTRA PROTECTIONIST AMENDMENT. ONLY POSITIVE POINT: AN ACCORD ON INTEREST RATES....BUT NAKASONE IS NOT COMING

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HOPE TOTALLY EMPTY HANDED. HE WILL REASSURE HIS ELECTORATE IN SHOWING THE DETERMINATION ON BOTH SIDES UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 PARIS 22217

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2. CHIRAC-KOHL:

TELEVISION ANTENNE-2 AT 8 A.M.: "GORBACHEV WAS THE ISSUE. THEY STUDIED HIS PROPOSALS VERY CAREFULLY. CHIRAC AND KOHL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT A JOINT POSITION CAN BE ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF MAY."

RADIO FRANCE-INTER AT 8 A.M.: "CHIRAC INSISTED THAT EUROPEANS MUST MAKE A DETAILED STUDY OF THE PROPOSALS AND CONSULT EACH OTHER THOROUGHLY BEFORE ADOPTING A JOINT POSITION AT THE END OF MAY."

POPULAR FRANCE-SOIR ON PAGE 6: "THE FRENCH POSITION IS WELL KNOWN: PARIS OPPOSES TOTAL DENUCLEARIZATION OF EUROPE WHICH WOULD LEAVE IT DEFENSELESS IN THE FACE OF THE FORMIDABLE SOVIET SUPERIORITY IN CLASSICAL ARMAMENT....THE GERMANS ARE REPORTEDLY MORE NUANCED."

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO FRONT-PAGE REPORT: "THEY WILL LIKELY ANNOUNCE THEIR COMMON POSITION AT THE END OF MAY...." ON PAGE 3 WITH SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN

STRASBOURG, HENRI DE KERGORLAY: "ALTHOUGH THEIR POSITIONS ARE VERY CLOSE, THEY ARE NOT IDENTICAL. THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS MORE DIRECTLY CONCERNED BY GORBACHEV'S OFFER. FRANCE, UNLIKE WEST GERMANY, HAS NO U.S. MISSILES ON ITS TERRITORY....FOR CHIRAC, THE MAIN DANGER IS A WEAKENING OF EUROPEAN SECURITY."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN: "FRANCE HAS MORE RESERVATIONS THAN GERMANY CONCERNING THE SOVIET PROPOSALS. IN ANY EVENT, EUROPE HAS A LIMITED INFLUENCE IN THIS AFFAIR."

3. IRANGATE:

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION: "RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK BETWEEN WALSH AND THE TWO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES WHICH WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON TUESDAY....CONGRESS IS THINKING ABOUT THE DEADLINE IN 1988 AND FAVOR A 'CLEAN' TRUTH EVEN THOUGH INCOMPLETE....LAWRENCE WALSH

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SCORED AN IMPORTANT POINT LAST WEDNESDAY IN INDICTING CARL CHANNEL....MUCH IS EXPECTED FROM JOHN POINDEXTER WHO MET SECRETLY THIS WEEKEND WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES....NEW DEVELOPMENT LAST SATURDAY, LEWIS TAMBS, THE AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA RESIGNED AND CONFIRMED THAT THE POLICY OF AID TO THE CONTRAS WAS NOT DECIDED BY NORTH AND A FEW OTHERS BUT A COORDINATED OPERATION FINALIZED BY A ORGANIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN: "THE TRUCE WITH THE PRESS DID NOT LAST LONG FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. IRANGATE IS RETURNING TO THE FOREFRONT....POINDEXTER ALREADY MADE A PRIVATE 'CONFESSION' LAST WEEKEND....PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE INVOLVED UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 PARIS 22217

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DIRECTLY AND THEY ARE COUNTING ON THE LASSITUDE OF THE TELEVISION AUDIENCES. FOR THE TIME BEING, THE EXECUTIVE CONTINUES TO DEFEND ITS POLICY OF MASSIVE FINANCIAL AID TO THE CONTRAS. THE WHITE HOUSE LEADER ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL ASK CONGRESS TO APPROVE A 125 MILLION DOLLARS OF AID TO THE CONTRAS FOR 1988."

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE - MONDAY MAY 4

FRONT-PAGE REPORTS: NYT FROM TORONTO: "CANADA SAYS 10 NUCLEAR SUBMARINES ARE NEEDED TO ENFORCE CLAIM IN ARCTIC;" NY FROM NEW YORK: "EINSTEIN LETTERS REVEAL AN ANGUISHED ROMANCE, EARLY THEORIES;" WP FROM WASHINGTON: "IRAN-CONTRA HEARINGS: A TEST NEARS FOR PRESIDENT, CONGRESS."

EDITPAGE: NYT: "BLUNDERS PLUS CRIMES;" WP: "A LITTLE MORE TIME;" NYT: "LEASE THEM TO PAKISTAN;" WP: "STILL HELD IN VIETNAM."

COLUMNS: STONE: "MORE LETHAL THAN HUNDREDS OF CHERNOBYLS;" INOUE: "IRANGATE: THESE HEARINGS SHOULD BE NON PARTISAN;" LEIFER: "INDONESIA: INTO A PERIOD OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY;" HOAGLAND: "BUTHELEZY GIVES BOTH AN OPTION." COURTNEY

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